

DEADLY FIRE IN MINE AT BUTTE, MONT., FRIDAY

AN EXPLOSION IN BROOKLYN KILLS A SCORE

Six Miners Dead and 64 More Have Little Chanc for Life
---27 Were Rescued.

(By Associated Press.)

BUTTE (Mont.), Nov. 20.—Fire this morning in the fourth drift to the east from No. 2 stope in the Northwestern Improvement company's mine at Red Lodge, caused the death of six miners and probably the death of many more. About twenty miners are entombed with a faint chance of escape. Seven men were taken from the workings at 1 o'clock this afternoon in a half dead condition and are now in a hospital. A fire department of fifty volunteers then started the work of rescue, and within half an hour skips were running down the fourth entry and a hundred men loaded on cars and brought to the surface, many of them completely exhausted and almost lifeless.

The rescued declare there is little hope for the greater number of those entombed. Everything within the vicinity of the mine is in wildest confusion, and it is impossible to get a check of the members from the payroll, so that no estimate can be made at this time. The fire is terrific, judging from the volume of smoke and fire emitted from the second entry.

Later—Twenty men were just taken from the mine in a critical condition. All will recover. Tonight it is stated by the rescued miners that at least sixty-four are still in the depths. The fire was started by naked lights on the caps of miners and is still unchecked.

STANDARD OIL PROFITS ENORMOUS

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—For over five hours today John D. Rockefeller, as a witness for the defense in the government suit to dissolve the Standard Oil company, faced an unceasing fire of questions from the federal counsel, Frank Kellogg, and when adjournment was taken until Monday the head of the oil combine was still being cross examined on the charge that the company in its early days accepted rebates to the disadvantage of its rivals. Rockefeller's cross examination probably will not be concluded until late Tuesday, as Kellogg made it known he would question Rockefeller on every detail of the company's business.

The enormous earning power of the oil combination was sharply brought out in today's hearing, when Rockefeller, after stating that the Standard paid dividends amounting to \$40,000,000 last year, said that it had earned as much more and that this was added to the company's surplus, which was stated by the government's counsel to be \$300,000,000. It was further declared by Kellogg that the company within the last eight years had earned nearly half a billion dollars.

A LONG RACE IS STARTED

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—With cheers from several hundred school-mates and fellow members of the Young Men's Christian association to spur them on, the young athletes engaged in the relay race organized by the physicians of the physical culture department of the Y. M. C. A., between this city and Washington, started on their 241-mile sprint at 3:45 today, the runners bearing a message in a silver tube to President Roosevelt. Altogether 700 runners will participate, including the president's son, Quentin.

THE METAL MARKET.
NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Lead, dull, 4.30 @ 4.35; copper, easy, 14.25 @ 14.50; silver, 49 7/8.

BOB EVANS TO LIVE IN THE WEST

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 20.—Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans was today elected chairman of the board of directors of the Los Angeles Harbor company, and will make his home in this city, according to W. J. Arkell, assistant to the president, who saw Evans in New York ten days ago and secured his consent to the appointment. The admiral will report to the company for duty at the close of his lecture tour, which he expects to terminate in Los Angeles in March.

HIRE CRACKSMAN TO OPEN BANK SAFE

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—With a drill and a "Jimmy" an expert cracksmen employed by Receiver Francis A. Peabody opened the vault of the Mercantile Finance company, which has been under guard for four weeks. Securities which are expected to satisfy claims amounting to \$900,000 were taken from the vault by the receiver.

Montenegro Joins in the Balkan Scrap

VIENNA, Nov. 20.—Advices received from Cetinje, the capital of Montenegro, declares that the telegraph line between Cetinje and Cattaro, a seaport of Austria, has been cut, and that Montenegro has mounted guns on the slopes dominating Cattaro. Furthermore, Montenegro has occupied the Dug pass leading into Herzegovina with 8000 troops.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 20.—Austria-Hungary has formally notified Russia of her precautionary military measures on the Serbian frontier, which includes the partial mobilization of the Fifteenth army corps. These steps are regarded generally as a military demonstration, but in official circles it is not felt that there is any reason for alarm, and it is believed that the chances for peace have improved 50 per cent since the powers, at the initiative of Austria-Hungary, undertook the direct mediation with Belgrade.

The Austrian note on the proposed international congress to clear up the situation in the Balkans has been delivered, and according to creditable authority it contains no conclusive answer regarding the program of discussion suggested by the other powers. It merely inaugurates a new phase of the negotiations, which probably will hang on for weeks. Reports received here from Vienna say that Austria-Hungary adheres to the determination not to discuss the justification of annexation of the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Serbian legation here was virtually stormed today by an assemblage of unemployed men who wanted to enlist with Serbia for the predicted war with Austria-Hungary. This arose from the publication in the morning papers of a statement, attributed to the secretary of the legation, to the effect that applicants would be enrolled in the Serbian army as soon as the Austro-Serbian negotiations, which were now sharply strained, were broken off. The legation today disavowed this statement and said that on the contrary, it did not think there would be any war.

Gompers is Endorsed by Labor Men

(By Associated Press.)

DENVER, Nov. 20.—There has been at no time since the opening of the convention of the American Federation of Labor any doubt that President Gompers was in complete control, but it was thought possible that part of his report might be materially amended or his political course condemned. His report was before the convention for a day and a half, and although for a while there was a vigorous discussion of some of its contents, the report was adopted this afternoon and Gompers fully endorsed. Tomorrow morning the election of officers will be the special order of business. All the old officers will probably be elected with the exception of Vice President Daniel E. Keefe. It is reported the miners have decided to support Keefe's re-election.

PRICES FALL ON STOCK MARKET

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—The reactionary forces which have been gathering strength in the stock market for several days caused a sharp fall in prices today. The declines gained such headway as to lead to a strong upward reaction in the latter part of the day on the assumption that weak accounts are cleared away. There is no change of the favorable nature of news from all points of progress of industry and business toward restoration. Bonds were easy.

TAMMANY MAN HELD FOR ELECTION MURDER

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Edward Kneagh, a Tammany worker, was committed to the Tombs without bail today, charged with the murder on election day of Benjamin Stone, Republican captain of the Third election district of the Fourteenth assembly district.

SECRETARY IS ACCUSED OF FORGING VOUCHERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—Experts at work on the books of the Merchants' association charge that Frank W. Smithson, its secretary, is short in his accounts. It has not been determined how much is missing, but it is said the defalcation will be between \$3000 and \$10,000. The investigation of the association's funds were undertaken after Smithson had been arrested on a charge of forging Southern Pacific vouchers.

CHINESE IN BURMA DO NOT WANT MANCHU KING

RANGOON (Burma), Nov. 20.—The Chinese community of Burma, numbering in all 30,000 persons, has sent to the foreign office at Peking a telegram protesting against the selection of Pu Yi as emperor of China on the ground that he is a Manchu and not a Chinese.

DAVIS TRIAL POSTPONED

OMAHA, Nov. 20.—On motion of the county attorney, the trial of Charles E. Davis, charged with the murder of Dr. Frederick Rustin, will begin November 30.

Explosion of Gas Beneath a Street Kills Workingmen, Women and Children

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Twenty-five persons are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion of gas which tore up a great section of Gold street in Brooklyn today. It is definitely known that fifteen are buried under the hundreds of tons of earth and timber thrown into the air, and ten more are reported missing. The explosion occurred in a fifty-foot deep excavation that had been made in Gold street between York and Front streets, where a water main is being laid. A gas main recently sprang a leak and in some manner unknown a spark came in contact with the escaping gas.

Immediately there was a terrific explosion which lifted the surface for half a block, the loosened earth and debris falling into the excavation, burying a score of laborers who were at work when the accident happened.

Great tongues of flames shot out of the crevices besides them and geysers of water leaped into the air from the water main, that had been shattered by the explosion. Gold street was crowded with school children when the explosion occurred, and that scores were not killed or injured is remarkable. A woman and three children were almost over the excavation, when the earth crumbled under their feet, and they were swept down into the hole under tons of wreckage. Two children were on the opposite side of the street when the sidewalk caved in, and they lost their lives. Only four men working in the excavation escaped. The police have arrested seven men attached to city departments, who were in charge of the work.

The South Sea Islanders are Troublesome

VICTORIA, Nov. 18.—News of a revolt in the Carolinas, followed by the dispatch of a German warship from the China station, was brought by the steamship Moank, which arrived today from Australia. The natives at Ponape were at war among themselves, being confined to the different tribes of natives.

German troops were sent from Merbetsche to protect the European residents who had not been interfered with when the late steamer reached Sydney. An appeal was sent to the German naval station at Kio Chou for three warships.

News was also received of a massacre in the Rock Islands, belonging to the New Pommern group, where for some explained reason the natives killed thirty of their women folk. It was the intention of the Germans to send a punitive expedition there as soon as the revolt in the Carolinas was quelled.

News was also brought by the Moana of a massacre at Santos in the New Herbrides, where Peter C. Gried, 51 years old, and his two daughters, Ada and Elizabeth, were murdered by a mob of natives. Santos had been regarded as a Christian center and settlers were regarded as safe.

The massacre took place within a short distance of the mission station to which the surviving member of the family, a boy 14 years of age, made his escape. The Prometheus has been sent to the scene.

News of tribal wars in which thirty natives were killed, was brought by the Moana from Sydney. A government force sent to the scene attacked the Sisiimi people, who retreated into the bushes after a short sharp fight in which a number of the murderers were shot.

DYNAMITE CAP AND A YOUTH

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—Unaware of the serious consequences that were to follow, John Quinn, aged 12, threw a dynamite cap in the stove at the session of a crowded class room in the San Leandro public school.

An instant later there was a terrific explosion and portions of the stove were sent ying all over the room.

Several fragments struck Edward J. Hall, aged 13, who may die of his

injuries. All of the other pupils escaped serious injury. Responsibility for the explosion was fixed through an investigation by the principal. John Quinn confessed he had found the cap, and tired of playing with it, had thrown it into the stove, believing that it would merely frighten the pupils.

PEACE CONFERENCE WILL SHORTLY BE CONVENED

THE HAGUE, Nov. 20.—The government of the Netherlands has proposed to advocate the convocation of an international committee to arrange for a third peace conference.

WOMAN FALLS NINE STORIES DOWN SHAFT

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 20.—Miss Clara W. Herrick, a Christian Science practitioner, fell nine stories to her death in the elevator shaft of the Knights of Pythias building today.

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